

# MINUTES - DRAFT

# City of Flagstaff

## Building and Fire Code Board of Appeals

## 1:00 PM – Friday, April 15, 2011

101 W. Cherry Avenue

## CALL TO ORDER

Chair Laguna called the meeting to order at 1:13 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS: **Christine Laguna**, Chair (present)  
Greg Hancock (present)  
Kenneth Krenke (present)

CITY STAFF: Michael Scheu, Staff Liaison  
Bonita Sears, Recording Secretary

## **I. PRELIMINARY GENERAL BUSINESS**

## A. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

**B. APPROVAL of MINUTES.**

- 1) Meeting of February 14, 2007

**Motion:** Move to approve the minutes February 14, 2007, as submitted. **Action:** Approve. **Moved by:** Mr. Hancock. **Seconded by:** Mr. Krenke. Motion carried unanimously.

## II. NEW BUSINESS

**A. Comments, recommendations on the proposed adoption of the 2009 International Building, Residential, Plumbing, and Mechanical Codes and 2011 National Electrical Code, and the 2009 City of Flagstaff amendments.**

Mr. Scheu presented the proposed amendments to the 2009 building codes. He stated that it was staff's intent to 1) eliminate unnecessary text, specifically text which is not pertinent to Flagstaff and text that is already stated in the IRC (International Residential Code), and 2) go on a 6-year cycle for new code adoption instead of a 3-year cycle.

Mr. Scheu stated that there was a conflict between the 2009 Building Code and what the State allows: The building code requires sprinklers in all new residential buildings; the State, however, does not allow adoption of a code that requires sprinklers for single-family dwellings. Mr. Scheu stated that he was waiting to hear from the City attorney as to whether the sprinkler requirement could be amended out of the code or whether this conflict prevented the Code from being adopted at all.

Chair Laguna, referring to page 26 of the amendments regarding building sewers, pointed out the minimum requirement of 12 inches below grade. She suggested that the City default to the County requirement of 18 inches below grade. Mr. Scheu agreed to make that change.

Mr. Krenke pointed out that, on page 81, a parentheses should be added for clarity as follows:

“...all new construction and heating replacement units (optional for hydronic in-floor heating systems).”

Mr. Scheu offered two options for the Board to consider:

1. Adopt the 2009 Building Code and amendment changes with the 2011 NEC.
2. Adopt the amendment changes but not the 2009 Code and look at possible adoption of the 2012 Code.

**Motion:** Move to recommend to the City Council that they accept the amendments presented in addition to the 2009 Building Code, along with the adoption of the 2011 NEC and move to a 6-year review cycle. **Moved by:** Mr. Hancock; **Seconded by:** Mr. Krenke. Motion carried unanimously.

### **C. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:14 p.m.